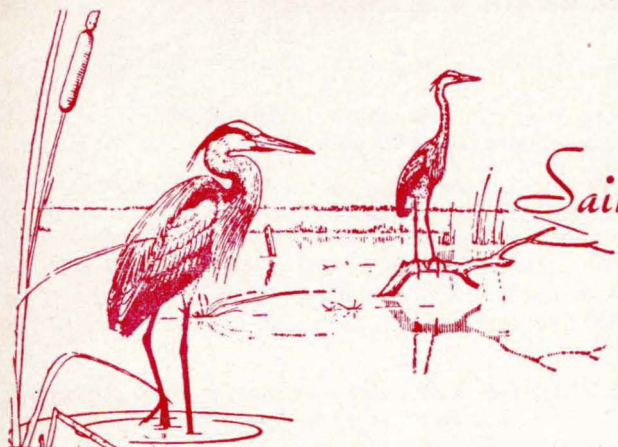




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1951 AUDUBON AWARDS

Presentation of the annual Audubon awards was made at the April 24 Screen Tour meeting by President Wm. Glasgow Bowling. A one hundred dollar scholarship to an Audubon Nature Camp was awarded Mr. Larry Burns, in recognition of his work in spreading interest in birds and the study of nature, particularly through Boy Scout activities.

The Junior Audubon Silver Cup was awarded to the Ladue School Junior Audubon Club and accepted by Donna Riley, president, and Mrs. Thelma Weeks, teacher and sponsor.

Scholarship Memberships were awarded the following boys and girls in recognition of their special interest in birds and nature: Billy Amos, Esther Mae Fillmore, Richard Hacker, Don Jones, Richard Klingbell, Jr., Dick Nibeck, Miriam Plax, Donna Riley, Eugene Rosenberger, Mary Schaub, Donald Schnure, David Zeiss, and Kenneth Zeiss. These awards include both Active and Screen Tour memberships.

Special awards of Nature books were made to four youngsters who were commended for their work in the study of birds: Douglas Dungan, James Ilges, Wayne Wren, and Gene Ziervogel.

President Bowling also announced that through the cooperation of the Board of Education, the Society will again present next season, a series of Audubon Screen Tours to St. Louis school children in the afternoons. Miss Elizabeth Golterman, Director of Audio-Visual Education will again be in charge. These student lectures are again made possible through the generosity of one of our most loyal members.

All of these awards are made possible by the members of the St. Louis Audubon Society through Loyalty contributions.

SCREEN TOURS FOR NEXT SEASON

AUDITORIUM will be the new, rebuilt Third Baptist Church—thanks to the kindness of that fine church and its famous pastor, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson. However, since the remodeling may not be completed before December, our first two programs will be scheduled at Soldan Auditorium.

LEONARD HALL will be one of our Screen Tour Speakers. Complete list of speakers and dates is not yet ready. But we can tell you at this time that our Board Member Leonard Hall will appear in November, and will show a colorful and exciting film "Our National Parks." The Halls will be touring the West Coast and Pacific Northwest with this Screen Tour program next season. We also expect to have Alexander Sprunt of Charleston, South Carolina, on our series next year.

MONDAYS, THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS will be the nights for next season's Screen Tours—and we shall try to avoid conflicts as much as possible.

DATES ON BACK OF MEMBERSHIP CARDS. This has been requested by many of our members. So we now plan to print the dates right on the back of your card—so you won't forget!

BRING THREE GUESTS. Membership cards will be printed with numbers 1 through 8. Card will be punched each time. With five programs, this will make it possible to bring a guest three times. Or bring three guests one time. Or—get an extra card, and bring a **lot** of guests!

Season dues for Screen Tours membership will be \$3.00. Sponsor's membership (including reserved seat) \$6.00.

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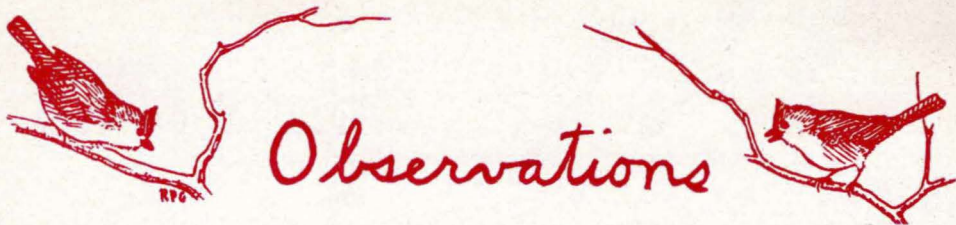
PATRON MEMBERSHIP PLAN

Because of increased Audubon activities, together with increased operating costs, our treasury has accumulated, during the past few years, a deficit totalling almost \$1,000. With no reserve on which to draw, we are asking some of our members to become Audubon Society Patrons at \$50.00. Chief purpose is to help us out of our present dilemma. Patron membership will cover joint membership with National Audubon Society; and will include Sponsors' cards for Screen Tours for the family.

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MORE BULLETINS

Our Board of Directors have held three meetings recently to consider various phases of our organization's activities and operations. Yet, despite the deficit problem, which had caused curtailment of Bulletin publication, the Board has recommended that the Bulletin be put back on a four-time-per-season basis. So you'll be seeing us more often, now!



SPRING CENSUS! Second Highest Total In Our History!

The St. Louis Audubon Society's count of May 6, of 202 species in a 50 mile radius was below that of 1950 when 214 kinds were seen, but breaks all previous records. The outstanding find on the census was a Glossy Ibis. Other "good birds" listed were White Pelican, Wilson's Phalarope, Brewster's Warbler, Yellow Palm Warbler, Blue Grosbeak, Harris's Sparrow, Bachman's Sparrow, and Western Meadowlark.

INDIVIDUAL LISTS were good, with more high scorers for the day than usual: Bill Bremser, Bill Foster, Nick Short, Jack Van Benthuyesen, Jim Ziervogel, Bill Braun, Jim Scott, Eugene Wilhelm, Dick Anderson, Alberta Bolinger, Larry Burns, Earl Comfort, Rex Conyers, Bill Groth, Marshall Magner, Lester Newman, Evangeline Tolentino, Mark Tuttle, and Charles Witcher. All of these observers had lists of 124 or over.

The best rarities in 1951 are: red-shafted flicker, St. Charles County, by Van Benthuyesen, January 6; white gyrfalcon in St. Louis County, by Bill Bremser, February 18; yellow palm warbler at Kenrick Seminary in Webster Groves, by Eugene Wilhelm on April 25, and again at Weldon Spring, by Van Benthuyesen and Jim Comfort, May 6; Glossy Ibis near Horseshoe Lake, East St. Louis, by a large census group, May 6; Western kingbird near Webster Groves on May 17; grosbeak during the Winter and early Spring at Marais Temp Clair; Brewster's warbler at Creve Coeur during census, May 6. A glaucous gull seen by Earl Comfort at Alton dam in December was the only recent record. Bonaparte's gull, in breeding plumage at the same place in March was unusual.

This has certainly been a good year for hawks—with such rarities as Harlan's, western red-tailed, white gyrfalcon, goshawk, pigeon hawk, duck hawk, and Krider's.

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LOCAL MEETINGS

You've really been missing out if you've missed some of the local programs. The INDOOR FIELD TRIP conducted by Elizabeth Golterman was a real treat, and we regret that more members didn't avail themselves of the opportunity to explore the new Audio Visual Department building and the Board of Education FM radio station KSLH.

Marshall Magner's BIRD BANDING program with exhibits and round-table discussion of methods, techniques, purposes, and local plans was considered "tops" by those attending.



Who's Who

HONOR ROLL

Many of our members deserve recognition for their fine work through the season in support of the organization's activities and purposes. The following are some of those who merit special mention for this year: MRS. E. OSCAR THALINGER (who has done a most outstanding job as director of publicity), MILDRED REESE (as membership chairman), MRS. ROY BATTENBERG, VIOLA HOLLIDAY, MR. AND MRS. JOEL MASSIE, JOHN McGUIRE, LEE BAUER, WILLIAM BREMSER, EARL COMFORT, MARTIN SCHWEIG, JR., LESTER NEWMAN, LINUS HOFFMEISTER, ROBERT HECHT, PAUL NEUHOFF, BRUCE TANNER, the KELLEY girls—ADELAIDE, MAY, AND EDNA (our telephone committee), MRS. VERNA VAN, LOIS AND CAMILLE WAMHOFF, and JULIAN NEILL.

Of course these are not the only ones. Others, too, have contributed their time and effort in helping the Audubon Society to stimulate interest in nature and conservation. And to all of you, sincere thanks and appreciation.

Board Members for 1951 are: DR. HAMPTON L. CARSON, OLIVER M. EVANS, ELIZABETH GOLTERMAN, LEONARD HALL, EARL H. HATH, G. ALEX HOPE, EDWARD K. LOVE, J. MARSHALL MAGNER, STRATFORD LEE MORTON, MYRON NORTHROP, WALDEMAR A. PALM, CHARLES M. RICE, MRS. IRMA S. ROMBAUER, MRS. WILLIAM SCARLETT, WAYNE SHORT, JOHN C. TALBOT, DR. ROBERT J. TERRY, MRS. EDWARD J. WALSH, MRS. TRUMAN POST YOUNG.

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